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THE FOLLOWING CHECKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:  1. Amendments to the specification:
A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.  B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.  C. Other
<ul> <li>□ 2. Abstract:</li> <li>□ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.</li> <li>□ B. Other</li> </ul>
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Drawing changes must be made by presenting replacement figures which incorporate the desired changes and which comply with 37 CFR 1.84. An explanation of the changes made must be presented either in the drawing amendments or remarks, section of the amendment, and may be accompanied by a marked-up copy of one or more of the figures being amended, with annotations. Any replacement drawing sheet must be identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet" and include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even though only one figure may be amended. Any marked-up (annotated) copy showing changes must be labeled "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" and accompany the replacement sheet in the amendment (e.g., as an appendix). The figure or figure number of the amended drawing(s) must not be labeled as "amended." If the changes to the drawing figure(s) are not accepted by the examiner, applicant will be notified of any required corrective action in the next Office action. No further drawing submission will be required, unless applicant is notified.
<ul> <li>4. Amendments to the claims:         <ul> <li>A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.</li> <li>B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims)</li> <li>C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following 7 status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Withdrawn), (Previously presented), (New) and (Not entered).</li> <li>D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.</li> <li>E. Other:</li></ul></li></ul>
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